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In re Patent Application of:)
Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.)
Serial No. 09/255,777)
Filed: February 23, 1999)
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR)
FORMING THE SAME)

Examiner: Richard A. Booth
Group Art Unit: 2812

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

The undersigned certifies that either (1) each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in connection with a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this statement, or (2) no item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

JP 04-058563, U.S. Patent 4,849,259, and U.S. Patent 5,051380 were cited in the counterpart Chinese patent application on February 14, 2003.

In addition, JP 2-224253 was submitted with an Abstract in the Information Disclosure Statement of January 25, 2001. Applicants intend to supplement this submission with a full translation in one month.

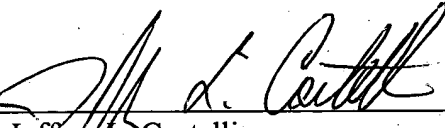
It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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